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St. James's, May 30.

SAturday last being His Majesty's Birth-Day, the Celebration of it at Court was deferred till to Day; when there was a very numerous and splendid Appearance here of the Nobility and other Persons of Distinction, and at Night a Ball. The usual publick Demonstrations of Joy were shewn on this Occasion throughout London and Westminster.

Stockholm, May 11, O.S. Sir Charles Wager, with the British Squadron under his Command, sailed from Copenhagen the 2d Instant, and on the 6th came to an Anchor at Elsenabb near this Place. The 8th Sir Charles Wager came to Town, and Yesterday had Audience of the King of Sweden in the Presence of several of the Senators, being introduced by Mr. Poyntz the British Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and delivered a Letter from the King his Master to his Swedish Majesty; by whom he was very graciously received, and afterwards had the Honour, together with Mr. Poyntz, to dine with his Majesty.

Hamburg, May 31, N.S. Letters from Petersbourg of the 14th Instant advise, that the Czarina had fixed the 12th of next Month for her Departure from thence for Riga, and that the Duke of Holstein was to accompany her. We have a Report here, that the Russians have suspended the fitting out their large Men of War, and are now equipping some Frigates. We have an Account from Copenhagen, that the Squadron of Danish Men of War sailed on the 25th Instant for the Island of Bornholm.

Whitehall, May 30, 1726.

Whereat it has been represented to His Majesty, that as the six following Regiments are coming from Ireland to Great Britain, viz. one Batallion of the Royal Regiment of Foot, commanded by the Right Honourable the Earl of Orkney, and the Regiments of Foot commanded by Colonel Newton, Colonel Howard, Colonel Desney, Colonel Middleton, and Colonel Anstruther, many private Soldiers may have formerly deserted from them, and since inlisted themselves in other Regiments in Great Britain, and that divers Soldiers who did formerly belong to the Regiments now in Great Britain, may have deserted from them, and entered themselves in some of the Six Regiments of Foot above-mentioned: His Majesty is therefore graciously pleas'd hereby to grant his Pardon to all such Soldiers who may have deserted in the Manner as aforesaid, before the 1st Day of this Instant May inclusive, and who are now in any of the said six Regiments, or in any of them in Great Britain, and likewise to declare, that it is His Royal Intention, they shall continue in His Service as they now are, without being molested or claimed by the Officers of the respective Corps to whom they did formerly belong.

H. Pelham.

The Receivers of the Contribution Money for Purchase of Tickets in the present Lottery for one Million give Notice, That the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have appointed the Third Payment in full of said Contributions, to be paid to the said Receivers at the Bank of England, on or before the 14th Day of June next; and in Default thereof, the Money already paid in will be forfeited to His Majesty for the Use of the Publick.

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